



# REGIMENTAL ADJUTANT'S CALL

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## From the Regimental Adjutant's Desk

Dear Fellow Transporters:

I hope you all had a safe holiday season. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the **Transportation Corps Regimental Association (TCRA) needs members**. We really need your support in order to make the Association the best it can be. Please take a few minutes to visit the TCRA's website and fill out our survey. It will give us some insight on what you as members expect.

**Limited Call to Active Duty:** The Limited Call to Active Duty (LCAD) Program is used to fill Active Component Branch/Functional Area shortages and is an opportunity for Reserve Component (RC) officers to serve on Active Duty. This program is open to RC Captains and Majors in all functional areas and competitive categories; Lieutenant Colonels in selected branches and functional areas; and to Warrant Officers in all ranks and MOSs (exclusive of VC, MS, and JAGC). This policy includes all categories of the United States Army Reserve (USAR) and Army National Guard of the United States (ARNGUS). Those Soldiers who are interested in applying should visit the Limited Call to Active Duty webpage at: <https://www.perscomonline.army.mil/opdistacc/cad/calltoAD.htm>

**"What You Can Do For Your Corps."** The Chief of Transportation, MG Brian I. Geehan, has asked that TC officers visit their school and/or source of commissioning (ROTC, USMA, OCS, USMMA, etc.) and talk to the cadets about the positive experiences in our branch; what Transporters have to offer; and how we fit in with the ongoing Global War on Terrorism. With the plans for the Army's Transformation well underway to becoming a reality, Transporters of the future will be an integral part of the fight. If you recently made

a visit to your alma mater or plan to in the future, please give us your feedback. How were you received, and what are the cadets looking for?

**The Supply and Transportation Fellows Program** is a year-long, hands-on managerial development program under the direction of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Logistics and Materiel Readiness). It is designed to enhance the career development of selected mid-level logistics professionals (MAJ to LTC and GS-12 to GS-14 civilians) who have demonstrated top-managerial potential. The Fellows will be integrated into the OSD Transportation Policy and Supply Chain Integration Office staffs for six months, working in policy formulation and evaluation. In addition, they will perform rotations in other senior headquarters elements. Nominating commands are encouraged to describe the training desired and may request emphasis on specific topics for their nominees. Additional information may be obtained from the OSD Fellows Program's website at: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/log/logisticsmaterielreadiness/organizations/tp/html/tranmgt.html>. Or by calling Mr. Adam Yearwood, (703) 601-4461 x102, or Ms. Kathy Smith, (703) 604-0098 x135.

**Officer Proponency**  
CPT Christopher Deery

**Blue to Green Program:** Spread the Word! The Blue to Green Program offers Air Force and Naval officers, who are separating from their service (under favorable conditions), to join the United States Army. While this is largely a company grade program, an officer in the grade of Major, who is not retirement eligible, could also apply. It is also available for Air Force and Navy ROTC cadets, who want to join the Army. Those officers (already commissioned or enrolled in ROTC), who are interested in applying, should visit the following website:

<https://www.perscomonline.army.mil/opdistacc/ST/CIST.htm>

Qualified Air Force and Navy personnel can request an interservice transfer and continue to serve on active duty in the Army. Officers should apply for an interservice transfer through their chain of command to their Assistant Secretary or designated representative. Once approved by the Air Force or Navy, the request is then forwarded to the Army for staffing, branching and approval.

Blue to Green applications must include a statement of qualifications, chain of command endorsements, current DD Form 2808 (Report of Medical Examination), and DD Form 2807-1 (Report of Medical History) dated within one year. Additionally, a copy of the officer's official military record and a current e-mail address should be included with the request.

#### **Officer Candidate School (OCS) Program:**

Leaders at all levels are reminded to solicit quality Soldiers, who would be assets to the officer corps, and talk to them about OCS. It is an intense 14-week commissioning program for Soldiers who are interested in transferring from the enlisted ranks to the officer corps without a break in service. When recommending Soldiers for the program, make sure that chain of command and General Officer endorsements state that the Soldier would be best suited for continued service in the Transportation Corps!

#### **Warrant Officer Proponency**

CW4 Mike Wichterman

#### **Transportation Corps Warrant Officer Accessions Boards for MOSs 880A and 881A:**

The Warrant Officer Accessions Boards for Marine Deck (880A) and Marine Engineer (881A) Warrant Officer selections met 18-21 Jan 05 at USAREC, Fort Knox, KY. Ten application packets were submitted for MOS 880A and nineteen packets were submitted for MOS 881A. The results of these boards will be published on USAREC's website at: <http://www.usarec.army.mil/hq/warrant/> in the Jun 05 time frame.

Future accessions boards are scheduled for 16-20 May and 19-23 Sep 05 to select Warrant Officer applicants for MOS 882A Mobility Officer. The Transportation Corps will access

eight Active Component 882A candidates from both boards for the next dual class scheduled in FY05. There is still plenty of time for interested applicants to submit packets for these boards. I strongly encourage commanders to aggressively recruit promising Soldiers for this MOS. We will need to identify, recruit and select over 50 Soldiers for this MOS in the next 3 years. For the Reserve Components, that number is near 120 in the next 5 years. TC needs your help in identifying and recommending these future leaders. Applications and MOS information can be found at USAREC's website at: <http://www.usarec.army.mil/hq/warrant/> and at OCOT's website at: [http://www.eustis.army.mil/ocot/Warrant\\_Proponency/warrant\\_HOME.htm](http://www.eustis.army.mil/ocot/Warrant_Proponency/warrant_HOME.htm). Call (757) 878-1326 for questions or further information.

#### **Warrant Officer Training With Industry (TWI)**

**Program:** OCOT is accepting applications for the FY05 Marine Engineering (MOS 881A) TWI position. The final selection process will take place on 25 Feb 05. The selected 881A Marine Engineer Warrant Officer will report between Jul and Aug 05 for a one-year tour of duty in the TWI Program at Moss Point, MS. For more info on the WO TWI Program call (757) 878-1326.

#### **Enlisted Proponency**

SGM James Guffey

#### **Career Management Field 88 (CMF 88):**

Retention across CMF 88 is looking good which is very important during these large growth years for the Transportation Corps. Training seats for Advance Individual Training (AIT) are a high commodity, and every Soldier we reenlist in the Army and in the Transportation Corps will help us grow our Corps without over-stressing the training base. We do need help though for promotions in MOSs 88H, 88K and 88M at the grade of SGT; and 88N at the grades of SGT and SSG. Bottom line is that we need to get more CPLs/SPCs to the promotion boards.

#### **Enlisted Training With Industry (TWI)**

**Program:** Unfortunately, there will be no enlisted TWI positions this year due to the Army's OPTempo. We hope to be able to again fill these slots in the future.

**Farewell:** I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to all as I am retiring in the spring to the Nashville, TN, area. My replacement will be named and on board in OCOT in the near future. Please give him the same support you have given to me over the past few years. I consider it an honor and a privilege to have called each and every one you a comrade for the past 22 years.

### Civilian Proponency

Ms. Ellen Savedge

**Professional Development:** As a reminder to all GS-12 through GS-14 Career Program (CP) 24 careerists, we are accepting applications for the OSD Supply and Transportation Fellows Program. Packets are due to the Civilian Proponency Office NLT 15 Feb 05. Please check with your individual commands for internal application requirements prior to forwarding. For more information, call (757) 878-6107.

**Developmental Assignments:** We are establishing two developmental tours with the J-3 and J-5 at United States Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM). The goal is to coordinate an Exchange Program that will enable Department of the Air Force civilian employees to backfill positions temporarily vacated by our CP-24 careerists selected for the program. Detailed information will be forwarded to the field as soon as it becomes available.

### Reserve Affairs

COL Maxie Joye

**Reserve Component (RC) Transportation Corps (TC) General Officer/Colonel Commanders' Workshop:** The Chief of Transportation hosted the annual RC TC GO/COL Commanders' Workshop 21-22 Jan 05. The purpose of the workshop was to update senior leaders on Transformation initiatives and issues affecting the Transportation Corps in our current operational environment. Highlights included an update from the COT outlining the growth and Transformation of the Corps within all three components (AC/AR/ARNG) and a Distribution Process Owner update from SDDC

focusing on the enhanced role of the Reserve Components during the deployment, distribution and sustainment phases of OIF/OEF and force operations.

### Marine Qualification Division

CW5 Findlay Glen

**Army Vessel Naming Program:** OCOT, Marine Qualification Division (MQD) manages the Army Vessel Naming Program and establishes and maintains a registry of Army vessel names. When newly constructed vessels are nearing completion, project managers and OCOT solicit recommendations for names from the field. Proposed names must memorialize a deceased individual, who has distinguished himself/herself by actions of valor or service, and served in significant battles or campaigns.

Procedures for vessel naming nominations and a listing of Army vessel names can be found at: [http://www.eustis.army.mil/ocot/Marine\\_Qualification/MQDhome.htm](http://www.eustis.army.mil/ocot/Marine_Qualification/MQDhome.htm)

Note: The next Army-owned vessels requiring names will likely be in the Joint High Speed Vessel (JHSV) class, which are expected to begin entering service within this decade.

### Marine Safety Office

Mr. Charles Brewster

**Watercraft Safety:** Army watercraft has a unique website for units and personnel to report hazardous or potentially hazardous situations. Hazards can span the complete spectrum of watercraft vessel operations. The website for identifying hazards is normally used by maintenance personnel to report equipment deficiencies, but may also be used to report equipment, training and publication shortfalls. The website is TACOM-owned and is available to anyone with Internet connection at: <https://aws-issues.volpe.dot.gov/ArmyHazardSSL/logon.asp>. The log-on user name is "ARMYWATERCRAFT" and the password is "WATERCRAFT."

### Regimental Historian Mr. Richard Killblane

The Transportation School placed the histories of forty TC units on the Internet at [www.lic.eustis.army.mil](http://www.lic.eustis.army.mil). Most of these histories are works in progress. The quality of detailed information depends upon the availability of historical information in the unit's files. Not all TC units will have their history posted immediately, but they will be included as time permits. If you have any information to add, please contact [richard.killblane@eustis.army.mil](mailto:richard.killblane@eustis.army.mil) or call (757) 878-2856.

### Regimental Association CPT Cheryl Cranford

It is important that all Transporters support our professional organization by becoming members of the TCRA. Students and junior officers, enlisted, and civil service employees enjoy reduced membership fees. However, the cost for becoming a member is minimal compared to the satisfaction you'll get from knowing that you are supporting your Corps and your Regiment. TCRA members receive editions of the Professional Bulletin, a copy of the annual Redbook, and are also eligible for the Military Order of Saint Christopher (Ancient and Honorable), as well as academic scholarships for family members. Paid memberships are available in one, three, or ten year increments, as well as for life. For applications or more information, please visit the TCRA's website at [www.tc-regt-association.org](http://www.tc-regt-association.org).

### TC Hall of Fame (HOF) Program

OCOT is accepting nominations for the HOF for 2005. **Packets are due to OCOT NLT 31 Mar 05.** Packets will be mailed out to board members in mid-Apr 05 to select the inductees. Nominees must be retired for at least three years to be eligible. There is no set format for nomination packets; they must simply contain the required documents laid out in the HOF let-

ter of instruction. All nominations will remain viable for three years. For details, please see the Regimental Office's website at: [http://www.eustis.army.mil/ocot/RegimentalPlans\\_Ops/Regimental.htm](http://www.eustis.army.mil/ocot/RegimentalPlans_Ops/Regimental.htm).

### Distinguished Member of the Regiment (DMOR) Program

OCOT is also accepting nominations for DMOR for 2005. **Packets are due to OCOT NLT 31 Mar 05.** The board to select DMORs for 2005 will convene in mid-April. Nominees must be retired or retiring by 31 Jul 05 in order to be eligible. Again, there is no set format for nomination packets; they must simply contain the required documents laid out in the DMOR letter of instruction. For details, please see the Regimental Office's website at: [http://www.eustis.army.mil/ocot/RegimentalPlans\\_Ops/Regimental.htm](http://www.eustis.army.mil/ocot/RegimentalPlans_Ops/Regimental.htm).

### Regimental Officer, Warrant Officer, Noncommissioned Officer, and Civilian of the Year Program

OCOT is accepting nominations for the Regimental Off/WO/NCO/CIV of the Year from each MACOM and Joint Command. Only one packet will be accepted per MACOM/Joint Command. **Packets are due to OCOT NLT 31 Mar 05.** We receive many requests for "sample packets," but once again, there is no set format for nomination packets. They must simply contain the required documents laid out in the letter of instruction. Please visit: [http://www.eustis.army.mil/ocot/RegimentalPlans\\_Ops/Regimental.htm](http://www.eustis.army.mil/ocot/RegimentalPlans_Ops/Regimental.htm) for more information.

### TCRA Annual Redbook

The TCRA will distribute the 2005 Redbook to current members attending the annual meeting at the Fort Eustis Club on 23 Feb 05. Members not attending can expect to receive their edition in March. The Redbook contains a listing with current assignments of TC officers, warrant officers, command sergeants major, sergeants major and TC DA civilians for all components.

As a member of the TCRA, you will receive a complimentary copy of the Redbook. They are also available for purchase at the TC Museum for \$10.00. For details please see the TCRA's website at: [www.tc-regt-association.org](http://www.tc-regt-association.org).

### TC Professional Bulletin

TCRA members should have received their copy of the Winter 2004 edition of the PB. Hopefully, you all enjoyed the great and insightful articles that we published. As the TCRA prepares to put together the Summer 2005 edition, we would like to remind you that your stories and experiences are always welcomed and encouraged. We are looking for up-to-date, controversial, TC-related articles, chapter news and unit news from Soldiers and civilians. The suspense for article submission is 10 Apr 05. Call (757) 878-6103 for further information.

### Military Order of Saint Christopher



The Military Order of Saint Christopher Award (Ancient and Honorable Order) is available to members of the Regimental Association who have made significant contributions to the Transportation Corps. TCRA also awards the Ancient Order of Saint Christopher posthumously to all TC Soldiers killed in action supporting the Global War on Terrorism. Consider nominating your "super troopers" for either the Ancient or Honorable Order of Saint Christopher! Be aware though that these packets are reviewed meticulously before the COT approves. For an application and more information, go to [www.tc-regt-association.org](http://www.tc-regt-association.org).

### Patronus Rotae

The Patronus Rotae may be awarded to TC spouses who have made long-term, significant contributions both to the military and the

community. For an application and more information, visit [www.tc-regt-association.org](http://www.tc-regt-association.org).

### TC Commemorative Print and Note Cards

There are still a few Don Stivers' commemorative prints left, but they are going fast. If you have visited Mr. Stivers' website, you will see that his prints



are highly sought and increase in value over the years; particularly the numbered prints. You may purchase the print, *Despite All Obstacles--Tiger Team Secures MSR Jackson in Iraq*, from the TCRA for \$125.00 plus shipping and handling (\$15 for tube, \$20 for flat box). The Regimental Association is also offering packages of ten note cards with the same image as the print for \$12.95 plus shipping and handling (\$2.50). Please see the TCRA's website for detailed ordering information at: [www.tc-regt-association.org](http://www.tc-regt-association.org).

### TC Week 2005



TC Week 2005 will be a scaled down version of years' past. For instance, there will be no TC Ball, Regimental Review or Industry Displays. TC Week 2005 is scheduled for 27-30 Jul. We will keep you posted on details as they are finalized.